

REMARKS

The Office Action dated May 17, 2005, has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments and the following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto. Claims 1-9 and 16-20 were withdrawn pursuant to a Restriction Requirement dated March 28, 2005.

By this Amendment, claim 14 has been canceled and claim 10 has been amended. Support for the amendments to claim 10 can be found on at least page 8 lines 12-14 of the specification and in Figure 2 as originally filed. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-20 are pending and claims 10-15 are respectfully submitted for consideration.

Claims 10, 11 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Shipp (U.S. Patent No. 1,232,617). Claims 11 and 15 depend from claim 10.

Claims 10-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Moghadam (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0128664). Claims 11-15 depend from claim 10.

To the extent that the above-noted rejections remain applicable to the claims currently pending, the Applicant respectfully submits that claims 10-15 recite subject matter that is neither disclosed nor suggested by Shipp or Moghadam.

Claim 10, as amended, recites that at least one of the first and second handles comprises a surface having a plurality of raised studs extending from each radial cross section of the surface thereof. A stud is defined as a small knob, nail head, or rivet fixed in and slightly projecting from a surface. Webster's II New College Dictionary, page

1094 (2001). As acknowledged in the Office Action, Shipp fails to disclose or suggest at least this combination of features. The Applicants respectfully submit that Moghadam also fails to disclose or suggest at least this combination of features. For example, Moghadam does not disclose or suggest raised projections 20 on the handles 18 in Moghadam are not a small knob, nail head, or rivet fixed in and slightly projecting from a surface. Thus, the raised projections 20 in Moghadam are not comparable to the studs recited in claim 10.

Further, Moghadam does not disclose or suggest a plurality of raised studs extending from each radial cross section of the surface thereof. The projections 20 do not constitute a plurality of studs in a radial cross section. As shown in Figure 1 of Moghadam, there is only one projection in a radial cross section.

According to U.S. patent practice, a reference must teach every element of a claim in order to properly anticipate the claim under 35 U.S.C. §102. In addition, “[a] claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference.” Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). “Every element of the claimed invention must be arranged as in the claim. [t]he identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the patent claim.” Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co., 868 F.2d 1226, 1236 (Fed. Cir. 1989) (emphasis added). The Applicant respectfully submits that Shipp and Moghadam do not disclose or suggest at least the combination of at least one of the first and second handles comprising a surface having a plurality of raised studs extending from each radial cross section of the surface thereof, as recited in claim 10, as amended

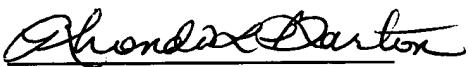
Accordingly, Shipp and Moghadam do not anticipate claim 10, nor is claim 10 obvious in view of Shipp and Moghadam.

Claims 11-15 depend from claim 10. The Applicant respectfully submits that these dependent claims are allowable at least because of their dependency from allowable base claim 10. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objections/rejections, allowance of claim 10-15 and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **referencing attorney docket number 026259-00001**.

Respectfully submitted,



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